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SUBJECT: NEW BRITISH REGULATIONS ON TRAVEL BY SOVIET OFFICIALS IN UK;
CANADIAN REPORT ON SOVIET TRAVEL REGULATIONS

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1. AT AUGUST 13 POLADS , UK REP DESCRIBED NEW TRAVEL REGULATIONS APPLIED TO SOVIET OFFICIAL PERSONNEL IN UK. UNDER NEW PROCEDURES, HEAD OF THE SOVIET DIPLOMATIC MISSION AND MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY CAN TRAVEL THROUGHOUT THE UK WITHOUT PRIOR NOTIFICATION AND CAN BE ACCOMPANIED BY A DRIVER OR INTERPRETER (DRIVER OR INTERPRETER SELECTED FROM A PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED LIST OF FOUR NAMES). STAFF OF SOVIET EMBASSY AS WELL AS SOVIET TRADE REPRESENTATIVE AND HIS TWO DEPUTIES AND THEIR FAMILIES MAY TRAVEL BY ROAD WITHOUT PRIOR NOTIFICATION TO FIVE TOWNS IN ADDITION TO TWO LOCATIONS PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED. SUCH TRAVEL MUST BE PERFORMED BY SPECIFIED ROUTES AND THE TRAVELLERS MUST REMAIN WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES OF THE SEVEN TOWNS.

2. AT AUGUST 6 POLADS, THE CANADIAN REPRESENTATIVE REPORTED CANADIAN MOSCOW EMBASSY'S ASSESSMENT OF THE EFFECTS OF THE FEBRUARY 1974 SOVIET TRAVEL REGULATIONS. WHILE NOTING THAT MANY OF THESE REGULATIONS

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AND CHANGES HAD NOT YET BEEN FULLY PROBED OR EXPLORED, CANADIANS FELT IT WAS POSSIBLE TO DRAW SOME PRELIMINARY CONCLUSIONS. IT APPEARED THAT TRAVEL PLANS WERE GENERALLY MADE MORE COMPLICATED BY THE DISTINCTIONS DRAWN IN TERMS OF CATEGORIES

OF TRAVELLERS AND THAT ACCESS TO CERTAIN AREAS HAD BEEN MADE MORE
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